**Extracted definitions with deconstruction of content, sorted by year of publication (* = our translation)**

**1980**
- **American Medical Association (AMA)**
  - The use of sedative medications
  - Deliberate administration of medications in close collaboration with a competent interdisciplinary team
  - Intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness
  - Deliberate lowering of a patient’s consciousness
  - Intentional lowering of a patient’s level of consciousness
  - Administration of sedatives
  - Delivered in the smallest effective dosage

**1990**
- **Palliative sedation therapy (PST)**
  - The monitored use of pharmacological agent(s) to intentionally reduce consciousness until loss of consciousness

**1995**
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
  - Palliative sedation is the deliberate lowering of a patient’s level of consciousness in the last stages of life.

**2000**
- **Kremling and Schildmann 2000**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2001**
- **Brennan et al. 2001**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2002**
- **American Hospice Foundation (AHF)**
  - Palliative sedation is the administration of sedative medications to intentionally reduce consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2003**
- **European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)**
  - Palliative sedation is the deliberate lowering of a patient’s consciousness in the last stages of life
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness
  - Deliberate lowering of a patient’s consciousness
  - Intentional lowering of a patient’s level of consciousness

**2004**
- **Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts (USA) 2004**
  - Palliative sedation is the deliberate reduction of consciousness of a sick person by administering medications appropriate to the purpose.

**2005**
- **Japanese Society for Palliative Care (Japan) 2005**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2006**
- **Italian Society of Neurology (Italy) 2006**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2007**
- **European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) 2007**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2008**
- **Kremling and Schildmann 2008**
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**2009**
- **European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)**
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**2010**
- **Palliative Sedation**
  - Palliative sedation is the deliberate reduction of consciousness of a sick person by administering medications appropriate to the purpose.

**2011**
- **Brennan et al. 2011**
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- **Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts (USA) 2012**
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**2019**
- **Kremling and Schildmann 2019**
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**2020**
- **Kremling and Schildmann 2020**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.

**2021**
- **Kremling and Schildmann 2021**
  - Palliative sedation is the intentional reduction of consciousness until loss of consciousness.