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SUMMARY The findings concerning the end of the twentieth century and the early twenty-first century suggest that dental science and engineering keep on going forward in every field. However, despite the above mentioned, the problem of diseases of teeth and mouth has not yet been resolved. The test involved 435 students aged 12-15 of both sexes from Stip and the surrounding villages who filled out the questionnaires and in whom the following indexes were noticed: Habits for maintenance of oral hygiene: How often you wash your teeth (never, less frequently, once a day, after every meal); - I started to brush my teeth (I do not remember, when I was 4 years old, when I was 5 years old, when I started going to school, I do not wash them); To maintain the hygiene of the mouth and teeth (using tooth brushes, tooth paste, brushes and paste, rinsing solutions, nothing) Oral health was followed through the registration of oral hygiene index (OHI - oral hygiene index), registration of gingival inflammation index (IGI). The OHI results of our study indicate that there are significant differences in maintenance of oral hygiene among respondents from urban and rural areas. The results of differences of values of the OHI index and gingival index indicate statistically significant differences ($r < 0.010$).

