Index is a graduated scale having upper and lower limit, with scores on the scale corresponding to specific criteria which is design to permit and facilitate comparison with other population classified by same criteria and methods.

Definition is proposed by RUSSEL AL
INDEX TEETH

- 16 - Maxillary right 1st molar.
- 12 – Maxillary right lateral incisor.
- 24 – Maxillary left first premolar.
- 36 – Mandibular left first molar.
- 32 – Mandibular left lateral incisor.
- 44 – Mandibular right first premolar.
CALCULATION

If the score around each tooth are totaled and divided by the number of surfaces per tooth examined, gives the gingival index for an individual tooth.

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\text{Gingival index of an individual tooth} = \frac{\text{Sum around the each tooth}}{\text{Number of surface}}
\]
INTERPRETATION

- 0.1 – 1.0 : Mild gingivitis
- 1.1 – 2.0 : Moderate gingivitis
- 2.1 – 3.0 : Severe gingivitis